

**To:** The University Senate  
**From:** The Purdue University Senate Educational Policy Committee  
**Subject:** Amendment of Bylaws to add the Executive Director of University Undergraduate Academic Advising as Advisor on the Educational Policy Committee  
**Reference:** <https://www.purdue.edu/senate/about/bylaws.php>  
**Disposition:** **University Senate for Discussion and Adoption**  
**Rationale:** The Executive Director of University Undergraduate Academic Advising position has been in existence for the past eight years at Purdue University. This occupation serves as a representative for the advising community collectively.

Although this position provides essential academic advising to and consistently aids the Educational Policy Committee in Senate matters, it is currently considered an ex-officio advising member of the EPC, and thus has no vote in the committee (Senate Bylaws section 5.02).

**Proposal:** To enable the collective academic advisors' opinion to be respected on educational policy and to allow their full representation, the Educational Policy Committee calls on the Purdue University Senate to amend section 5.60 of its Bylaws to 1) increase the number of EPC advisers from three to four, and 2) appoint the Executive Director of Undergraduate Academic Advising to the new advisory position, granting them full voting rights. Change to the Bylaws language is proposed as follows (in bold):

Current:

“The Educational Policy Committee shall consist of thirteen Senators, three Advisors, three students (two undergraduates; one graduate), and ex-officio members as deemed appropriate by the EPC. The Purdue Student Senate shall recommend the undergraduate students and the Purdue Graduate Student Government shall recommend the graduate student. The University Senate Nominating Committee shall present this slate of three student nominees to be elected by the University Senate at that meeting of the Senate at which Senators are normally elected to fill vacancies on standing committees. Each student so elected shall serve for a term of one year.”

Proposed:

“The Educational Policy Committee shall consist of thirteen Senators, **four Advisors (one of which will be the Executive Director of University Undergraduate Academic Advising or their designee)**, three students (two undergraduates; one graduate), and ex-officio members as deemed appropriate by the EPC. The Purdue Student Senate shall recommend the undergraduate students and the Purdue Graduate Student Government shall recommend the graduate student. The University Senate Nominating Committee shall present this slate of three student nominees to be elected by the University Senate at that meeting of the Senate at which Senators are normally elected to fill vacancies on standing committees. Each student so elected shall serve for a term of one year.”

**Committee Votes:**

**For:**

Faculty

Thomas Brush  
Donna Ferullo  
Jennifer Freeman  
Nan Kong  
Eric Kvam  
Erik Otárola-Castillo  
Li Qiao  
Vanessa Quinn  
Libby Richards  
John Sheffield  
Thomas Siegmund

Undergraduate Students

Mili Jha  
Hannah Walter

Graduate Student

Pratik Kashyap

Advisors

Keith Gehres  
Jenna Rickus  
Jeffery Stefancic

**Against:**

**Abstained:**

**Absent:**

Todor Cooklev  
Greg M. Michalski